

Committee on Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on September 28, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be granted permission to meet Tuesday, September 28, 10:00 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406) to receive testimony regarding the FY2000 public buildings requests of the General Services Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the Subcommittee on Youth Violence of the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CONVOCATION

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the University of Michigan Medical School as it celebrates its 150th Anniversary. On October 1, 1999, its faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends will gather to celebrate the Medical School's distinguished history and reputation.

Since its founding in 1850, the men and women of the University of Michigan Medical School have been pioneers in the practice of medicine. With over 18,260 M.D. degrees awarded since the first graduating class in 1851, the Medical School's alumni and faculty have left an indelible mark on the course of medical history. With leading roles in the field trials of the Salk polio vaccine, pioneering cancer treatments, innovative uses of new technology in medicine and much more, it has greatly impacted the health of our entire nation.

In addition, the University has a remarkably long list of innovative firsts. It opened the nation's first university-owned hospital in 1869, the first department of pharmacology in 1891, the first university-operated psychiatric hospital in 1906, the first children's psychiatric hospital and the nation's first Human Genetics Department. It has been an impressive century and a half indeed.

According to statistics recorded by the Center for Disease Control, in the last century alone, the average life expectancy has increased nearly 30 years, from approximately 47 years in 1900 to more than 76 years today. Medical ad-

vances have not only added years to the lives of Americans, but have also added quality to those years. Among those leading the way to longer and healthier lives have been the faculty and alumni of the University of Michigan Medical School. The value of their contributions to the practice of medicine in America over the past 150 years is incalculable, and I am confident that they will continue to be on the cutting edge of medicine advances in the 21st century.

Mr. President, the faculty, staff, alumni and students of the University of Michigan Medical School can take pride in their many important achievements of the School's first 150 years. I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting the accomplishments of the Medical School's first century and a half and in wishing it continued success for the future. •

TRIBUTE TO DOMINICK GIOVINAZZO

• Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to say a few words about a good friend of mine upon his retirement.

I have known Dominick Giovinnazzo, the retiring Executive Director of the Greater Nashua, NH, Boys and Girls Club, for many, many years. During that time, I have regarded him as one of the finest people I know. For the past 28 years, he has worked at the Greater Nashua Club and has dedicated himself to serving the kids who are members there. He is a passionate advocate of child safety and has worked to ensure that no child in the city of Nashua has to spend his or her afternoons and weekends on the streets or doing drugs. He has become an advisor and mentor to the staff of all of the New Hampshire Clubs; his wisdom and experience have guided each Boys and Girls Club in the State to become strong pillars of their communities. Most importantly, he has been a good friend to his own community and to his fellow public servants. Over the years, I have appreciated his friendship, support, and guidance. I can only hope that others will follow his example of charity and dedication.

Rarely does one come across another human being who so fully dedicates himself to a life of helping others. It was Dominick who brought the importance and success of the Boys and Girls Clubs to my attention many years ago. And it was because of his tireless advocacy for the Clubs that I have worked so hard to ensure that the federal government helps fund the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Dominick showed me the importance of giving our youth a safe place to go and dependable, responsible friends to lean on.

No other person so richly deserves an easy retirement than Dominick Giovinnazzo. I wish him luck in his future endeavors, and I am sure that he will never stop caring about and lending his talents and civic-minded wis-

dom to his community. He is a valuable resource who I know the City of Nashua, the Greater Nashua Boys and Girls Club, and his other friends and admirers will rely on for years to come. •

THE DEDICATION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD TRIPLE GATE MONUMENTAL STAIRS AND OBSERVATION PLAZA

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to honor the dedication of the Second Temple period Triple Gate Monumental Stairs and Observation Plaza which will take place this weekend in Jerusalem. This is a new site in the Jerusalem Archaeological Park which has been developed by the Israel Antiquities Authority, focusing on the southern wall of the Temple Mount Enclosure. This restoration project has been dedicated and supported by Dorothy Davidson Gerson and Byron Gerson in loving memory of Sarah and Ralph Davidson. The dedication ceremony for Gerson Observation Plaza will take place on Sunday, October 3 and will be attended by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and the Mayor of Jerusalem Ehud Olmert among many others.

The Triple Gate and the Double Gate, also known as the Huldah Gates, were a key entrance to the Temple Mount for pilgrims during biblical times. This area of the southern wall was badly damaged following the destruction of the Second Temple. The western Huldah Gate, or Double Gate, now lies below the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The eastern Huldah Gate, or Triple Gate, consisted of three arched entryways at the time of the Second Temple. Now parts of the threshold and the doorjamb are all that remain of the Triple Gate. In front of the Triple Gate was once a monumental staircase. Much of this staircase has now been reconstructed affording visitors the opportunity to envision the southern entrances to the Temple Mount during the Second Temple period.

This important archaeological restoration effort would not have been possible without the generous support of Dorothy Davidson Gerson and Byron Gerson. They have made possible an extraordinary view of an ancient treasure which has transcendent meaning. I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring this historic event and thanking Dorothy Davidson Gerson and Byron Gerson for their extraordinary efforts. •

CELEBRATION OF WOOD COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I am proud to draw the attention of Congress and the American people to a very special milestone in the State of West Virginia. Wood County, WV, is celebrating its bicentennial and a two-hundred year history of importance and progress thanks to the continual spirit of its leaders and citizens.